

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph found at page 16, lines 14 through 21 with the following:

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Between the propulsion means 52 and the nose 51, the countermeasure cartridge 50 also includes at least one payload section 54 for at least temporarily containing (e.g., until deployment of the same) one or more appropriate decoys 54' (~~not shown~~), such as, but not 10 limited to, infrared and/or radar-reflecting decoys. Herein, "decoy" refers to any device utilized to at least generally deceive, distract, divert, lead, and/or lure away an incoming threat (e.g., of the marine vessel 10), as well as any device utilized to destroy or deactivate such an incoming threat. Release or deployment of one or more of these decoys from the payload section 54 may be accomplished in any of a number of appropriate manners known in the art.